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Attachment A to EGMA-44120, 15 Aug 59

SUBJECT: Ladislav NIZNANSKY

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### Introduction

1. [ ] reports reflect that NIZNANSKY travels on an average of about twice a month to Austria where he and his wife own a small house in Salzburg. While NIZNANSKY has a legitimate reason for traveling frequently to Salzburg, we have noted several incidents which have lead us to believe that he could also be meeting with a GIB case officer during some of these trips. As Headquarters is aware, the GIB has been turning RFE harassment letters over to agents during personal meetings in Austria with instructions that they be mailed on the agents' return to Munich. On two occasions NIZNANSKY was the only stateless Czechoslovak employee of RFE who returned from Austria on the dates that RFE harassment letters were mailed in Munich (see EGMA-37357, 23 December 1958, and EGMA-37668, 8 October 1958). On one other occasion, viz. 14 September 1958, he and Jiri LOCHNER were the only two RFE employees who returned on the date that another RFE harassment letter was posted in Munich (see EGMA-37668, 8 October 1958).

2. We have also noted that NIZNANSKY made two round trips to Austria on weekdays, viz., 14 August 1958 (Thursday) and 9 February 1959 (Monday). According to his RFE time sheets, NIZNANSKY worked eight hours on both days. Hence, it appears that he left Munich sometime after 1730 hours and crossed back into Germany sometime before 2359 hours. It seems rather peculiar that NIZNANSKY would find it necessary to travel to Salzburg during a weekday evening and remain there for less than three hours, especially during an evening in February when the Autobahn is rather slippery or on 14 August, the day before he took eight hours annual leave.

3. On 18 April 1959, shortly after Ladislav KRYL informed [ ] that Salzburg was an insecure meeting site, NIZNANSKY used the Mittenwald crossing point for the first time and returned to Germany by the same route on the following day. On 5 July 1959, he crossed again at Mittenwald, which seems to indicate that his meeting site has been changed to the area of Innsbruck.

### Munich Base Investigation

4. Mail Intercepts: The NIZNANSKYS have received very little mail since GIBD coverage was initiated on 23 October 1958, and none which seems to have any relevance to the investigation.

5. Informant Reports: Our agents and informants have reported no pertinent information on NIZNANSKY.

6. Trace Results: See EGMA-2048, 18 November 1958, EGMA-7056, 8 December 1958, and EGMA-38019, 21 October 1958.

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7. Surveillance: NIZHANSKY's residence in Munich is situated in an area which probably would be impossible to surveil over prolonged periods of time without it becoming to his and/or his neighbors' attention. However, since there seems to be very little to be gained by having the CASTONES keep NIZHANSKY's movements in Munich under close scrutiny, we commenced surveilling him only on weekends when he was more apt to travel to Austria. After several weekends, it became apparent that even limited surveillance would be risky, if continued over an extended period of time. We solved this problem temporarily, however, by having the CASTONES stakeout the Salzburg Autobahn at the Kalschirchner turnoff about every four or five weeks on these weekends when we thought NIZHANSKY would be most likely to have a meeting with the GIB, if such were the case. Despite the handicaps under which the CASTONES were forced to operate, they managed to pick NIZHANSKY up on two occasions, one of which could possibly have been during the time when he was scheduled to meet a GIB case officer (see paragraph 8 below). We also considered the possibility of having the CASTONES stakeout NIZHANSKY's house in Salzburg, but discarded the idea because we had no assurances that NIZHANSKY would go there before making a meeting and also because this address would be extremely difficult to surveil over extended periods of time.

8. Possible Scheduled Meeting with the GIB on 9 and 10 January 1959:

a. Excerpts from CASTONE Surveillance Report:

9 January 1959	1250 hours	NIZHANSKY and wife entered the "Pitter" restaurant where they had lunch.
	1335 hours	They left the restaurant and walked around the block.
	1342 hours	They entered the "Pitter" cafe, which is located in the same building.
	1410 hours	NIZHANSKY left the cafe and went to a barbershop.
	1440 hours	NIZHANSKY returned to the cafe "Pitter."
	1455 hours	They left the cafe.
10 January 1959	1442 hours	They went to the cafe "Wernbacher", where they had coffee.
	1540 hours	They left the cafe "Wernbacher" and walked to the RR station.
	1610 hours	They entered the cafe "Pitter."
	1705 hours	They left the cafe and took a bus home.

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b. It seems rather strange that NIZNANSKY visited the "Pitter," which has been used frequently as a meeting site by the CIS, three times in two days and especially once after having spent almost an hour in the cafe "Weybachner." During five other days he was in Salzburg, he visited several restaurants and cafes, none of which was the "Pitter." It seems possible, therefore, that NIZNANSKY was scheduled to have a meeting with Lubomir KUBICEK in the "Pitter" at 1300 hours, 9 January, with alternates at 1400 hours, 9 January and circa 1600 hours, 10 January. It will be recalled that KUBICEK indicated to DISABUSE-106 on several occasions that he was meeting other agents from Germany in the Salzburg area. When they met on 20 December 1958, they agreed to meet again at 1400 hours, 10 January in Salzburg and that the meeting would last no longer than 1600 hours, which would have allowed KUBICEK ample time to make another meeting at the "Pitter" at 1630 hours. KUBICEK's meeting with [ ] lasted longer than expected, however, and they did not part company until 1715 hours, ten minutes after NIZNANSKY left the "Pitter" (see paragraph 2 of Attachment 3 to EGMA-19553). It should also be noted that KUBICEK mentioned to [ ] that he planned to remain in Salzburg until the following morning, which seems to indicate that he had further business to conduct on 10 January in Salzburg. Assuming that KUBICEK was scheduled to meet NIZNANSKY at 1300 or 1400 hours, 9 January, it seems logical to assume that he would decide to make the alternate meeting on 10 January, after seeing [ ] rather than wasting almost an entire day by leaving Vienna during the morning of 9 January in order to make it to Salzburg in time for a meeting at 1300 hours. Since KUBICEK failed to show up for either the regular or alternate meeting on 9 January, NIZNANSKY might have decided that it would be needless to wait longer for KUBICEK on 10 January.

9. Future Course of Investigation: We plan to continue to surveil NIZNANSKY's trips to Austria. However, since he has made two trips via Mittenwald, we obviously must revise the method in which we have been conducting the surveillance. We tentatively plan to stake out both the road to Garmisch and the entrance to the Salzburg Autobahn, provided the technical problems can be solved. Since the CIS usually meets agents from KFE on the average of about every five weeks, it seems that NIZNANSKY most likely will make another trip via Mittenwald on 8 or 15 August 1959. Needless to say, we will do our utmost to have the CASTORBS waiting for him on the Garmisch road on those days.

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